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# **FAXOGRAM: Water Order Change**

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Attention: WY-4000, WY-4100, WY-6400 PPL Energy Plus, LLC, Butte, Montana

Attention: Resource Coordinator, Deb Mullowney

From: Reservoir and River Operations, Billings, Montana /S/ Tim Felchle

Subject: Canyon Ferry Water Release Order - CFR No. 14-10

### **CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:**

Elevation: 3783.42 Storage: 1,458,867 acre-feet; River Release: 2,900 cfs; Inflow: 3,050 cfs;

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS:**

PPL-MT has requested an increase in releases to reduce potential downstream ice jams as subzero temperatures are being forecasted. Releases to the Missouri River may be reduced once the temperature fluctuations return to normal. Turbine releases are restricted and limited to a 2-unit capacity. In response, the following operation change is required at Canyon Ferry Dam and Powerplant.

#### **CANYON FERRY RELEASES AND OPERATIONS: All times are Mountain Standard Time (MST)**

## At 0800 hour on Wednesday, February 26, 2014:

Maintain releases through the river outlet gates at 0 cfs. Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs. Increase turbine release to  $\approx$  3,400 cfs ( $\approx$  802 MW-Hrs/day using 101.7 cfs/mw). Maintain release for Helena Valley Project at 0 cfs. Increase release to the Missouri River to 3,400 cfs. Increase total release from Canyon Ferry to 3,400 cfs.

#### At 0800 hour on Thursday, February 27, 2014:

Maintain releases through the river outlet gates at 0 cfs. Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs. Increase turbine release to  $\approx$  3,900 cfs ( $\approx$  920 MW-Hrs/day using 101.7 cfs/mw). Maintain release for Helena Valley Project at 0 cfs. Increase release to the Missouri River to 3,900 cfs. Increase total release from Canyon Ferry to 3,900 cfs.